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THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE SELDEN SOCIETY. Vol. XIX. For the year 1904. Year Books of Edward II., Vol. II., 2 & 3 Edward II., A.D. 1308-9 and 1309-10. Edited by F. W. Maitland. London: Bernard Quaritch. 1904. pp. xix, 244. 4to.

The appearance of a second volume of Professor Maitland's Year Books of Edward II. is a welcome supplementary volume of the Selden Society's publications for the year 1904. The Society goes beyond its promise in the speed with which the Year Books are issued, and it is to be hoped that this generosity may be continued.

We turn as always to the introduction for wise and witty comment on the matter contained in the text. In this introduction Professor Maitland points out again the gradual way in which the present system of law reporting was evolved. He makes it quite clear that the first reports were scattered notes of cases taken by some apprentice who happened to be interested in a particular case, and that later collections of such notes were made for purposes of study, and that the regular reporting of the transactions in the court came later. One of the manuscripts which are described appears to be an interesting early example of a collection of cases made for the purpose of instruction in law by the inductive method. The cases were arranged in a logical order under the proper title, and apparently were discussed by the younger apprentices in much the same way that the cases collected for them are now discussed by students in our own schools. After reporting one case, the writer of the manuscript goes on to describe the discussion of the case "in the Crib." Richard de Aldirbury and John Trevanion are named as engaging in the discussion. They were young apprentices at law, not yet engaged in the actual argument of cases at bar, but they were busy counsel several years later, and both of them judges of the Common Pleas about 6 or 7 Edward III.

We already knew that the case system was commended by Coke, but we are glad to learn that it was an accepted method of instruction in the time of Bere-

ford and Spigurnel.

This volume gives added proof of the insufficiency of the manuscript from which Maynard's Year Book was printed; for not only did his manuscript contain only about one-third of the cases found in other manuscripts for this period, but the cases which it did contain were imperfectly reported. From the other manuscripts and from the record Professor Maitland is able to correct Maynard's errors, and to add many interesting decisions. Most of the cases, of course, turn on obsolete questions of land law; but there is a considerable number, particularly among the new cases, of much historical interest, as well as some practical value. For instance, in one of the new cases the plaintiff brought an action of debt for the penalty of a bond; the defendant pleaded that he had tendered performance, and again tendered it in court. The court said: "With what equity can you demand this penalty? Were you to remain asking for our judgment, you would not come by your debt these seven years; for a judgment of the law is not to be given in that sort of way." Professor Maitland points this out as an early example of equitable action. If we could have reports of all the cases during the thirteenth century, we should probably find that the King's court exercised much greater equitable power anciently than it did after the Chancellor began to usurp judicial functions. Glanville states with great precision that King Henry enjoined the judges of his new court to temper the law with equity; and it is very clear that the common law was evolved from the older administrative law of the Normans and the folklaw of the popular courts by tempering their rigor with equity. At the time of Edward II. the original equitable impulse was still felt. In another new case, which was a writ of trespass for disturbance of the market, the judgment, as we learn from the record, included an injunction against future disturbance. Doubtless Professor Maitland is right in suggesting that this was made merely to have the effect of stopping the defendants from raising the same question over again.

May Professor Maitland long be spared to send us an annual volume such as this.

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PRINCIPES DE DROIT INTERNATIONAL PRIVÉ. Par A. Pillet, Professeur à la Faculté de Droit de Paris. Paris: Pedone, 1903. pp. xii, 586.

During the past dozen years Professor Pillet has in his teaching and in numerous articles been working out the theory of Private International Law, or Conflict of Laws, which he now presents in book form. It is an especially important work in that it gives the matured thought of a Continental scholar, trained in the civil law and familiar with the writings of American and English jurists, on a subject of great importance, as to the basic principles of which there is much disagreement.

The book is one of theory, written by a man who believes that students who are not first good theorists will be poor practitioners. There has been no attempt to make it a manual for the practising lawyer by the collection of all the cases on every-day subjects; only those have been retained which were of use in developing the principles. Nor is it a book for the beginner. But all, whether theorists or practical men, who are anxious to learn the foundations of